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The Security Council,

Reaffirming all its previous resolutions and statements pertaining to the situation between Ethiopia and Eritrea (hereinafter referred to as "the parties") and the requirements contained therein, including in particular resolutions 1320 (2000), 1430 (2002), 1466 (2003), 1640 (2005), 1681 (2006), 1710 (2006) and 1741 (2007),

Stressing once again its unwavering commitment to the peace process, and to the full and expeditious implementation of the Algiers Agreements, and the importance of prompt implementation of the delimitation decision of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission (EEBC) (S/2002/423) as a basis for peaceful and cooperative relations between the parties,

Reaffirming the integrity of the Temporary Security Zone (TSZ) as provided for in the Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities of 18 June 2000 (S/2000/601) and recalling the objectives of its establishment and the commitment of the parties to respect the TSZ, and in this regard, *expressing deep concern* over the continuing serious violations of the TSZ,

Underlining that the Security Council remains committed to its role, in particular helping to ensure that the parties respect the commitments they made in the Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities,

Commending the efforts made by the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) and its military and civilian personnel to accomplish its duties, despite the difficult circumstances,

Stressing further that the full demarcation of the border between the two parties is vital to lasting peace between Ethiopia and Eritrea as well as in the region, *recalling* that both parties under the Peace Agreement of 12 December 2000 have agreed to cooperate with the EEBC in the delimitation and demarcation process and that they also agreed that the delimitation and demarcation determinations of the EEBC will be final and binding, *commending* the efforts of the EEBC to resume demarcation, and *expressing* its regret that the EEBC, for reasons beyond its control as explained in the Annexes of the report of the Secretary-General of 22 January 2007 (S/2007/33), has so far been unable to demarcate the boundary as planned,

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Acknowledging the Statement of the EEBC of 27 November 2006,

Reaffirming its full support for the work of the EEBC and *welcoming* the decision of the EEBC to convene a meeting with the parties on 6 September 2007 in New York,

Expressing its deep concern over the continued delay in the demarcation of the border and over the continued tense and potentially unstable security situation in the Temporary Security Zone and the adjacent areas, and *stressing* that it is the primary responsibility of the Parties to end this situation by fulfilling their obligations expeditiously under the Algiers agreements,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 18 July 2007 (S/2007/440),

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of UNMEE for a period of six months, until 31 January 2008;

2. *Calls on* the parties to maintain their full commitment to the Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities and to de-escalate the situation, including by returning to the 16 December 2004 levels of deployment and by avoiding provocative military activities;

3. *Reiterates its call* expressed in paragraph 2 of resolution 1640 (2005) that the parties show maximum restraint and refrain from any threat or use of force against each other and *reiterates its call* to put an end to the exchange of hostile statements;

4. *Reiterates* its demands that Eritrea immediately withdraw its troops and heavy military equipment from the TSZ;

5. *Calls on* Ethiopia to reduce the number of additional military forces recently introduced in certain areas adjacent to the TSZ;

6. *Regrets* the lack of progress on demarcation, and *stresses* that the parties have the primary responsibility for the implementation of the Algiers Agreements, and again *calls upon* the parties to implement completely and without further delay or preconditions the delimitation decision of the EEBC and to take concrete steps to resume and complete the demarcation process, including agreeing on a time frame for possible next steps;

7. *Stresses* the need for progress on demarcation and *reiterates its call* upon both parties to cooperate fully with the EEBC, including participating constructively and with sufficient authority in the meeting to be convened by the EEBC on 6 September in New York, and *underlines* the importance of this meeting;

8. *Welcomes* the letter dated 8 June 2007 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia to the President of Security Council, reiterating that his Government had accepted the delimitation decision of the EEBC without preconditions, and *reiterates its demand*, expressed in paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 1640 (2005), that Ethiopia immediately take concrete steps to enable, without preconditions, the EEBC to demarcate the border expeditiously;

9. *Demands* that the parties provide UNMEE with the necessary access, assistance, support and protection required for the performance of its duties, including its mandated task to assist the EEBC in the expeditious and orderly

implementation of the Delimitation Decision, in accordance with resolutions 1430 (2002) and 1466 (2003) and *demands* that any restrictions be lifted immediately, including those restrictions specified in the report S/2007/440;

10. *Reiterates its demand* expressed in paragraph 1 of resolution 1640 (2005) that Eritrea reverse, without further delay or preconditions, all restrictions on UNMEE's movement and operations, and provide UNMEE with the cooperation, access, protection and support required for the performance of its duties;

11. *Reiterates its call* to both parties to fully cooperate with UNMEE with a view to urgently reactivating the work of the Military Coordination Commission which remains a unique forum to discuss pressing military and security issues;

12. *Expresses* its willingness to reconsider any changes to UNMEE in light of subsequent progress toward demarcation, and its readiness to take further decisions to ensure that UNMEE will be able to facilitate demarcation as progress becomes possible;

13. *Welcomes and looks forward* to the continuation of the ongoing efforts by the Secretary-General and the international community to engage with Eritrea and Ethiopia to help them to normalize their relations, to promote stability between the parties, and to lay the foundation for sustainable peace in the region;

14. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts by the Secretary-General towards the earliest appointment of a Special Representative;

15. *Calls* on Member States to provide contributions to the Trust Fund, established pursuant to resolution 1177 (1998) and referred to in Article 4 (17) of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed by Ethiopia and Eritrea on 12 December 2000, in order to support the demarcation process;

16. *Expresses* its deep appreciation for the contribution and dedication of the troop-contributing countries to the work of UNMEE;

17. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.